

### **Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Currently amended) A method for automatically generating an electronic menu including a plurality of menu pages, wherein menu pages contain selectable menu items with associated commands to be executed upon activation of the respective menu items, the method comprising:

associating a page number with each menu page;

a first menu page containing a first ~~at least one~~ menu item with an associated command and said command associating with ~~associated~~ data, wherein the command associated with the first menu item comprises switching to another menu page;

~~defining~~ determining a range of page numbers based upon said data associated with said command;

~~detecting the page numbers of the available menu pages~~ having page numbers within said range; and

selecting a second menu page upon activation of said first menu item ~~for switching to another menu page~~, wherein the second menu page ~~has the first or last page number from among~~ is one of the available menu pages within the defined range of menu pages and wherein the first and second menu pages are retrieved from different storage media.

2. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein ~~defining~~ determining said [[a]] range of page numbers is also based upon a ~~the~~ page number of said first menu page.

3. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 2, wherein determining said range is further based on ~~defined by~~ a page number of another menu page that is stored on the same storage medium as the first menu page.

4. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein determining said range is based on ~~defined by~~ a placeholder within said data associated with said command.

5. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein said data associated with said command contain a numeric value, and wherein determining the range of page numbers is based on ~~defined by~~ the numeric value and a ~~the~~ page

number of said first menu page, and wherein ~~from among the available menu pages within the defined range~~, the second menu page with is one of said available menu pages having page numbers greater than the next higher page number relative to the page number of said first menu page is selected, if the numeric value is positive indicates ~~a higher page number than the page number of the first menu page~~.

6. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein a one of said menu pages is stored in a separate file, or in a selectable portion of the ~~[[a]]~~ file, and the a page number of said one of said menu pages is determined by a the name of the file, or by the name of the file and the selectable portion within the file, in which it is stored.

7. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the page number associated with the first or second menu page depends on user specific settings.

8 – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein detecting ~~of the page numbers of the available menu pages~~ includes detecting if the corresponding AV content selectable from said available menu pages ~~page~~ is also available.

13. (Currently amended) An apparatus for automatically generating an electronic menu including a plurality of menu pages, wherein each menu page contains selectable menu items with associated commands to be executed upon activation of the respective menu items, wherein the apparatus ~~has comprising~~:

a menu controller means for detecting a current menu page number of a menu page currently displayed;

means for retrieving from at least two different storage media menu related data and other data being selectable through the currently displayed menu page;

means for determining detecting from a request for displaying another menu page an the allowed range of page numbers for of the another next menu page to be displayed;

means for detecting which of the available menu pages having page numbers within said allowed range has the next higher or lower number; and

means for selecting said another detected menu page, wherein said another menu page is one of said available menu pages.

14. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein determining detecting the allowed range of page numbers ~~of the next menu page to be displayed~~ comprises comparing a received number with the ~~current~~ menu page number of said currently displayed menu page, wherein the received number is included ~~defined~~ within said request.

15. (Currently amended) Optical storage medium for storing audio-visual content and menu data for a multi-page menu, wherein menu pages have page numbers, and wherein at least a first menu page contains a command for selecting a second menu page, wherein

the command for selecting a second menu page specifies a range of menu page numbers for said second menu page ~~pages to select~~, and a predefined rule specifies which one of menu pages having menu page numbers within ~~of the range of menu pages~~ is selected as said second menu page next; and

~~for~~ at least one menu page having page number within said range ~~no relating menu page is not~~ stored on the optical storage medium.

16. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 2, wherein ~~said range is defined by a placeholder within said data~~ comprises a placeholder ~~associated with said command~~.

17. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 2, wherein said data ~~associated with said command contain~~ comprises a numeric value, and wherein the range of page numbers is determined ~~defined~~ by the numeric value and the page number of said first menu page, and wherein ~~from among the available menu pages within the defined range, the menu page with~~ said second menu page is one of said available menu pages having page numbers greater than ~~the next higher page number relative to the page number of said first menu page is selected, if the numeric value is positive indicates a higher page number than the page number of the first menu page~~.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 2, wherein the page number associated with the first or second menu page depends on user specific settings.

20. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 2, wherein detecting ~~of the page numbers~~ of the available menu pages includes detecting if the corresponding AV content selectable from said menu page is also available.

21. (New) Optical storage medium according to claim 15, wherein said command comprises a placeholder and said range of menu page numbers is specified by said placeholder.

22. (New) Optical storage medium according to claim 15, wherein said command comprises a numeric value and said range of menu page numbers is specified by the numeric value and a page number of said first menu page based upon said predefined rule.

23. (New) Optical storage medium according to claim 15, wherein one of said menu pages is stored in a file, or in a selectable portion of the file, and a page number of said one of said menu pages is determined by a name of the file, or by the name of the file and the selectable portion within the file, in which it is stored.

24. (New) Optical storage medium according to claim 15, wherein the page number associated with the first or second menu page depends on user specific settings.

25. (New) Method according to claim 5, wherein the second menu page is selected according to a predefined rule, the rule specifying which one of said available menu pages having page numbers greater than the page number of said first menu page is selected.